

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Ralph Rotella for his determined efforts to aid underserved members of our Central New York community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANSELMO  
F. ARELLANO

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Anselmo "Chemo" F. Arellano. As a historian, educator, author, and activist, Anselmo used his talents to preserve New Mexico's rich culture and history. In Northern New Mexico, he was what we call a seeker of el oro del barrio—the knowledge which is the gold of our community.

Anselmo was born on April 27, 1944, in Springer, New Mexico. His family instilled in him a love for his heritage and culture which remained with him throughout his life. Anselmo spent many years as a postsecondary educator in New Mexico. His passion for learning and sharing his knowledge was apparent to those who had the opportunity to meet and learn from him.

Anselmo's career in education began at Fresno State University at the age of 25, where he taught courses in ethnic studies and directed a program for first-generation minority college students. While working at Fresno State, he also volunteered for the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee.

As a distinguished Ford Foundation Fellow, Anselmo received his Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of New Mexico in 1990. He used his education to preserve the history, culture, and traditions of Northern New Mexico and taught others to do the same. Anselmo was nationally recognized for his work and was selected as a featured historian by the Smithsonian Institute for its New Mexico exhibit.

Like many Nuevo Mexicanos, Anselmo knew the power of community and that *acequia es comunidad*. That's why he worked to secure land and water rights for New Mexicans across the state. Understanding the hardships that his community faced, Anselmo also worked to improve access to education, housing, and health care. He served on boards for numerous community organizations and institutions including the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

On behalf of Nuevo Mexico's, Third District, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of Anselmo "Chemo" F. Arellano—a humble and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. I hope that his legacy will be carried on by everyone he shared his knowledge with and by those who knew and loved him.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER  
REBECCA E. WOLF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Com-

mander Rebecca E. Wolf, U.S. Navy, upon her completion of the Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship program. Assigned to my office for the 2021 calendar year, Commander Wolf quickly became an integral part of my legislative staff.

Her expertise as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer informed my work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness. Over this past year, Commander Wolf worked closely with both my personal office and Readiness Subcommittee staffs on the military's most pressing readiness challenges. In particular, she helped to secure passage of my "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" in section 373 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

She also helped to develop several legislative priorities that I will be pursuing in the forthcoming Coast Guard Authorization Act for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. As chair of the State Lands Commission while serving as California's lieutenant governor, I am grateful for the compromise she negotiated between the U.S. Coast Guard and our state regulator on the public availability of information regarding the performance of ballast water management systems. She will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service, where she made a lasting impact.

Commander Wolf was commissioned through the U.S. Naval Academy, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in oceanography. She went on to earn a Master of Science in physical oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School. Commander Wolf's operational assignments include service aboard the USS WASP (LHD 1), USS *FORREST SHERMAN* (DDG 98), and USS *PINCKNEY* (DDG 91). She was also the executive officer and then commanding officer of USS *GLADIATOR* (MCM 11). Her shore and staff assignments include tours in Afghanistan, at the Surface Warfare Officer School, and at COMDESRON 23.

Her extensive naval background, work ethic, and problem-solving skills were critical to my work toward recapitalizing our military's organic industrial base and ensuring that our military is ready when needed. While Commander Wolf will be missed by Team Garamendi, the U.S. Navy is lucky to have her back in the ranks leading sailors. We wish her fair winds and following seas as the executive officer of the USS *MOMSEN* (DDG 92) and are excited for all her future successes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's Third Congressional district and a grateful nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Commander Rebecca E. Wolf for her dedicated service.

CONGRATULATING RAY DUNAWAY  
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, Ray Dunaway has been the voice of Connecticut for nearly three decades. Ray was hired by WTIC-AM to replace another Connecticut legend, Bob Steele in 1992. Since then, he's been the voice of talk radio in Connecticut each and every morning. Over his

tenure, he's helped raise millions of dollars for the Greater Hartford Salvation Army through his annual holiday store. I have had the pleasure of joining Ray over the years and I'm honored to call him a friend. Both the following articles from the Hartford Courant and the Journal Inquirer capture what Ray has meant to the citizens of the state of Connecticut. I look forward to tuning in to his last show tomorrow morning on Christmas Eve. We wish him well in retirement and know his voice will always be missed.

[From the Hartford Courant, Nov. 19, 2021]

"VETERAN RADIO VOICE DUNAWAY TO SIGN OFF"

(By Kenneth R. Gosselin)

Ray Dunaway, the morning radio personality who followed the legendary Bob Steele on WTIC-AM and won over listeners with a relaxed but informed conversational style, will retire from the radio station next month after 29 years.

"You just get tired of waking up," Dunaway said. "You just do. I love the morning. I do. I wouldn't do any other shift, but the thing is, after a period of time, it's kind of like you've been there, done that. And I think it's time for somebody fresh to take a look at it."

Dunaway, 72, said the decision to retire from the morning show, which airs weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., was entirely his own. His last show will be on Dec. 24.

His co-host, Brian Shactman, will continue to host the morning show, the station's parent company, Audacy, said.

Dunaway was hired to replace Steele in 1992, bringing with him more than two decades of radio experience elsewhere in the country. Steele had a storied local broadcasting career spanning more than five decades, and Dunaway would be Steele's second replacement. Steele's immediate successor lasted just a year.

"The fact of the matter is, it was nerve-racking because I had gone to Trinity [College] and my roommate used to listen to Bob religiously," Dunaway said. "He was really good. It was a great responsibility taking over that job."

Quick acceptance wasn't a sure thing for Dunaway with the memory of Steele still fresh and dissatisfaction among some viewers about a move by WTIC to talk radio.

"Connecticut-ites weren't necessarily going to make that easy," recalled Gary Zenobi, then general manager of WTIC, who hired Dunaway. "But he filled Bob Steele's shoes in a different way. Formats were changing. Ray was just perfect for that because he could hold a conversation not just about anything but with anyone."

Dunaway's arrival also coincided with rapid changes in AM radio. WTIC's daytime music listeners were moving to FM radio, leaving AM stations like WTIC to carve out a different niche, which turned out to be talk radio.

Dunaway's popularity with listeners survived four ownership changes at WTIC and a relocation from One Financial Plaza, the "Gold Building" in downtown Hartford, to Farmington in the early 2000s. The tone of talk radio has turned more contentious and far less civil since Dunaway joined WTIC.

"It is polarizing, no doubt, but the good ones try to make it as fair as they possibly can," Dunaway said. "You can have your point of view. There's nothing wrong with that, and you are able to share it." Dunaway said he worked earlier in his career with conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh, who died in February. Dunaway said he considered Limbaugh someone who thought things through before expressing his opinions.